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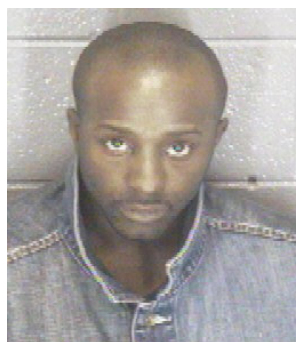
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VERNON LEROY SMITH, JR. ARRESTED FOR ABDUCTION

On February 16, 2005, Hampton police detectives, assisted by the Virginia Beach Police Department's Fugitive Warrants Unit and the Chesapeake Police Department's CSI Unit, arrested **Vernon Leroy Smith, Jr.** on outstanding warrants from Hampton.

On December 31, 2004, at approximately 1:45 AM, Smith and 2 accomplices abducted an individual in the 2700 block of N. Armistead Avenue at gunpoint. The victim, a 27-year-old Hampton man, was forced to drive the suspects to his home where the suspects attempted to rob him. When the victim arrived at his home, he fled the vehicle into his house. The victim was shot through the door as he ran into his home.

Smith is charged with one count of abduction, one count of attempted robbery, one count of malicious wounding, one count of shooting into an occupied dwelling and two counts of use of a firearm in the commission of a felony. He was arrested without incident in Chesapeake.



Corporal James West will receive questions about this release at 757-727-6608.

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